



# CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: High Speed Rail in San Joaquin Valley (Council of Governments)

MEETING DATE: August 3, 1994

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council express its support of the construction and implementation of high speed rail service through the San Joaquin Valley.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At its regular meeting in May, the Board of Directors of the Council of Governments adopted a resolution in support of high speed rail through the San Joaquin Valley. The Board is requesting that cities also express support of this project.

The purpose of this support is to urge the State of California to choose the Central Valley rather than the coastal route for planning and construction of a very high speed ground transportation from northern to southern California. The valley corridor is considered a superior route in terms of environmental impacts and service to the greatest number of people. However, coastal counties have begun organizing to gain support for the Coast Rail Corridor.

FUNDING: None required

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Peterson  
City Manager

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Mr. Dean Dumphy, Chairman  
Intercity High Speed Ground Transportation Commission  
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Dear Mr. Dumphy:

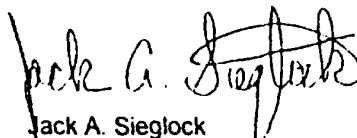
This letter is to urge your support and the support of the Commission for a high speed rail line through the San Joaquin Valley linking the cities of Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles. At its last regular meeting, the Lodi City Council took action unanimously supporting this project.

We believe such a corridor is not only environmentally sound, but would produce a ridership greater than any other alternative. This latter point has been borne out in a study by the University of California on such a high speed rail facility.

We urge the Commission's support of this program.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

  
Jack A. Sieglock  
Mayor

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cc: Council of Governments

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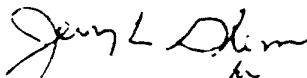
SUBJECT: Lodi Multimodal Station

The City of Lodi is fully supportive and very appreciative of your efforts and those of San Joaquin County and the San Joaquin County Council of Governments (COG) to complete passenger rail service in the Central Valley with Stockton/Sacramento service. Thus, we support efforts to keep the County's Local Multimodal Stations Program moving toward actual construction. Details of these efforts are contained in other letters from San Joaquin County and the COG and we won't repeat them here. However, we do wish to explain the importance of the Lodi Station.

The City has embarked on a "Central City Revitalization" program which includes beautification of Cherokee Lane, old State Highway 99 in Lodi, and beautification and economic development programs in downtown Lodi. We are nearing completion of a \$100,000 planning and economic study on the project. Our consultant, Michael Freedman of Freedman, Tung & Bottomley, has conducted six community workshops, each attended by over 150 citizens. The downtown plan coming out of this process fully embraces and integrates the Lodi Multimodal Station into both short-term improvement plans and the long-term vision for downtown Lodi. The station will be the transfer hub for Lodi's fixed-route bus system and Dial-A-Ride program and the County's regional bus system. We have positive indications from the local Greyhound bus station that they would be willing to relocate to the site. And, hopefully, the station will be Lodi's train stop for Central Valley passenger service. (Even if that service runs on the Union Pacific Tracks west of Lodi, the station would serve as our end of local shuttle service to the nearest stop.)

The last thing we want is for the station project to become a costly, isolated public works project. We have gone to great lengths, using local funds, to prevent this from happening. To help you see our vision of this facility, we have enclosed a copy of a portion of the downtown perspective drawing showing the station. If you, other Commission members or staff, would like to learn more about the station and other aspects of our downtown revitalization, such as the economic development programs, please contact me, or Janet Keeter at (209) 333-6700.

Again, we thank you for your support and ask that the Commission cooperate with the efforts of San Joaquin County and the COG to make this station a reality.



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City Manager

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Enclosure

cc: City Council  
San Joaquin County Council of Governments  
San Joaquin County Public Works Department

